

REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 5-14, 17, and 19-26 are pending. Claims 9-14, 17, and 19-26 are allowed. Claims 1-2 and 5-8 are rejected. Claims 1-8, 15-16, and 18 are cancelled. Claims 9-14, 17, and 19-26 remain in the case for reconsideration. Reconsideration is requested. No new subject matter has been added.

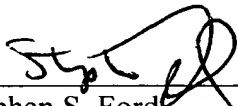
Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-2 and 5-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fitzgerald (US 6,421,720) in view of Kerr (US 5,844,600). The rejection is respectfully traversed. However to further this case to issuance, claims 1-2 and 5-8 have been cancelled.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 9-14, 17, and 19-26 of the application as amended is solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

Respectfully submitted,



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